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ORATORICAL CONTEST.

D. M. Proctor of William Jewell Wins First Prize at Boonville.

Boonville, Mo., March 7.—At the Missouri intercollegiate oratorical contest, held here tonight, the first prize, \$40 in gold, was won by David M. Proctor, of William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo. The second honors were won by Raymond G. Earnett, of Missouri state university. The winner of the first prize will have the honor of representing the state of Missouri in the interstate oratorical contest, which takes place in St. Paul, Minn., May 1, 1902.

There were over 700 students and visitors from outside of Boonville in attendance at the contest. The following were the contestants and the titles of their orations: Walter C. Purviance, "Ambition," Park college, Parkville, Mo.; David M. Proctor, "Modern Egoism," William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo.; B. P. Taylor, "Orators and Oratory," Central college, Fayette, Mo.; John W. Lewis, "Vent, Vidi, Vici," Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.; R. G. Barnett, "A Force in the World," Missouri state university, Columbia, Mo.; W. O. Chisholm, "The Enduring Republic," Tarkio college, Tarkio, Mo.

David Milton Proctor, in reaping laurels for himself has honored the city of his birth, Monroe City. He came home direct from his victory and as a school—of which he was formerly a student—entertainment was booked for Saturday night, he obligingly and generously consented to deliver the oration which he delivered at Boonville, for his friends at home. The next morning he, his subject and delivery of it, were the topic of conversation on the streets, and praise in no stinted measure was meted out for him. Many gentlemen who are fully competent to judge declared it to be one of the finest things they ever listened to.

Prolific.

Here is a story told by James T. Umstadt, and as it is vouchered for by his wife, it will have to stand. An old ewe on the farm dropped seven lambs last week. All of them lived twenty-four hours and then five died for the want of nourishment. The other two are doing finely. Now if Jim understood sheep and could handle them as well as he does pills, what would the harvest be?

Grand Opening of Millinery at Tudie Swinkey's March 20, 21 and 22, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Come one come all.

French Coach Horse Co.

The French Coach Horse Co. failed to have a quorum last Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, so met again in the Council Rooms at 2:00 o'clock when the officers, directors and some of the stock holders were present.

The minutes of last meeting and the minutes of the annual

meeting were read and approved. The following officers were re-elected: J. M. Proctor, Pres.; Frank Orr, Secy. and J. Gardner Wade was elected Treas. to take the place of H. E. Linn, who would have been re-elected but was going to leave the state. Directors elected: D. D. Melson, W. H. Elliott, James Smith. In the future the Directors and Secretary will constitute a quorum except at the annual business meeting.

They placed the season at \$12.50.

Poland's Eye.

It would be a good idea for some good woman to take J. Poland Hays under her protecting wing and keep him out of trouble. He has been indiscrete enough to go out and clean up the garden patch for seed time. In so doing while near the fence he stooped down, but was stopped by the handle bars of an old bike that were sticking in the fence. They swiped him across the nose barking it and then came near gouging out his right eye. When he came up town Friday afternoon he had a "bad" eye.

Alfalfa.

Alfalfa is the crack feed west of the Missouri River and is boasted of as a producer. It is not near the equal of clover. Now for the proof. "In a general way one can use to best advantage to start alfalfa a fertilizer rich in phosphoric acid, yet potash tells."—The Breeders Gazette. One sees from that, that it needs nursing and if that be true, it must also be true that it is exhaustive. Now it is a well recognized fact that clover is a heavy producer in grass, its second crop—seed—is worth as great an amount of money as the first and last but by no means least, it is one of the very best fertilizers grown or known.

The Missouri soil is different from that of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado and if properly cared for will never cause an expenditure of from \$10 to \$25 every year or so like the Jerseys the Carolinas and large portions of other states for fertilizers. In the west the burden of the cry of the alfalfa raiser is: "What is the best and cheapest fertilizer."

Meyer.

Emmet C. son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyers passed away Friday morning after a short illness of pneumonia. His span of life was only fourteen months and yet it was great enough to draw the hearts of all who came in contact with him, to him. The change from this life to the one beyond is from a dark one at the best, to one where the storm clouds of life never enter. Godlieb, John and Henry Meyer, Henry Achelpohl, Palmyra, Ed Achelpohl and Mrs. Henry Achelpohl of Quincy, and Henry Glazer of Hannuwell, attended the funeral services which occurred at the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

We will have mail boxes for sale.—R. M. WALKER.

ABOUT THE CHURCHES.

Interesting News Concerning The Different Denominations.

Rev. G. E. Edwards pastor of the Old School Baptist of Stoutsville has gone to Colorado for his health.

Rev. Charles Alexander, of Hale, Mo., came down Saturday to look after his real estate interests in this city.

Rev. Fr. J. Lyon, of Indian Creek was in the city with friends Monday.

Rev. Dr. Hatch, pastor of the Episcopal church at Monroe City, conducted the service at Trinity Episcopal church last Wednesday evening.—Hannibal Journal.

Rev. J. A. Wailes and wife arrived home this week from Jackson, Tenn. Mrs. Wailes was much improved during her trip south, but has been indisposed since her return. At the latest writing she is better.—Shelbina Torchlight.

The Baptist church members held a business meeting here today and appointed three new deacons namely John Martin, Chauncey Coleman and Robert Snodgrass. They will be ordained one month from to-day, March 8th and the churches at Warren, Little Union, Emerson and Ebenezer have been invited to participate in the services.—Philadelphia Cor. to H. Journal.

Rev. Fr. F. Z. O'Connor, of Hannibal has been the guest of his friend Rev. J. Lyon at Indian Creek.

Rev. J. E. Travis of Rensselaer, conducted services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

METHODIST.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a sale of Handkerchiefs, Aprons, Sun Bonnets etc., Serve dinner and supper on Saturday, March 29. Full particulars next week.

The literary social meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the residence of W. J. Rouse on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. H. H. Johnson will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday morning and evening.

GRACE BAPTIST.

Rev. J. H. Terrill conducted services last Sunday morning and Rev. Charles Alexander, of Hale Mo., in the evening.

At time of going to press, the protracted meeting conducted by Elders J. H. Riffe and J. H. Terrill at Clarence had entered its fifth week and there had been one accession to the church.

There will be regular services Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Regular services by the pastor Sunday.

Morning subject: "Standard of Morals." Evening, "The Tears of Jesus."

The N. E. Missouri B. Y. P. U. Rally and the Sixth Annual Convention of Bethel District Baptist Young Peoples' Union will convene with the First Baptist Church of Palmyra today.

Rev. I. W. Read and J. R. Pentuff Ph. D., D. D., and some

twelve or fifteen members of the church will attend today. Tomorrow about twenty five of the Juniors of the First Church of this city, will attend the convention.

Woodman Attention.

Monroe City Camp M. W. A. s preparing for a grand time tomorrow (Friday) evening. A candidate is to receive the degrees which will be given by a visiting team and then there will be refreshments and all Neighbors are urged to be present.

An Accident.

Peculiar accidents sometimes happen and that is what is the matter with "Dick" Stephens. Monday he was trying to repair or alter a horse collar and was pressing it against his side with the strength of both hands, when snap, a rib in his left side gave way and now he looks like the last rose of summer.

Swinkey Cyclone.

Monday was the 26th anniversary of the Swinkey cyclone south and southwest of this city. That storm left an impression on the memory of the young and the old, one that will never be defaced and as the 10th of March rolls around one hears the people going over the details of the havoc and ruins.

Primary Elections Ordered.

Palmyra, Mo., March 10.—A meeting of the county Democratic central committee was held in this city today for the purpose of ordering the election of a new committee. Township meetings for the election of new committeemen were called for Palmyra and Hannibal March 21, and in the county March 22. The new committee will meet in Palmyra and reorganize March 24 and set a date for the primaries. The committee indorsed the candidacy of John A. Knott for railroad commissioner.

Test Water Supply.

J. O. Gilson has been ordered by the city council to place a power pump in the J. M. Proctor, artesian well near his residence on the southside. If the flow proves to be strong and the quantity inexhaustible, the city will use it for its system of water works. If the experiment proves ok, then the city in the future as in the past will have a supply of cool, clear, crystal water, water that would make Hannibal and Macon hide out, and water that could not be named in the same day with that at the county seat drawn from a stream navigable for Boats. But to be frank, C. F. Sturtevant of Chicago was in the city Monday. He is an Electric Light and Water expert and makes that his business. He did not think the water proposition was just the thing at this time but naturally talked electric light plant. We think that if the city cannot have the very best of water with a water system then it had better rely on what it has, for it is excellent.

Dr. Thomas Proctor was a business visitor in the capitol of Marion, Monday.

FOR THE PIANO FUND.

It Was Good To Be There, In The Studio At The Entertainment.

If we Monroe people would only get our minds off of "Electric Lights and Water Works," and think a bit, we would find we had lots to be proud of, at least we who were fortunate enough to be at the entertainment at Miss Johnson's studio last Saturday evening thought so. In the first place the artistic in our natures fairly reveled in the beauties of that new studio; as a town we are proud of it, and proud of the owner and artist who has won so many medals in photographic contests. The entertainment consisted of music, recitations, pantomimes, etc., rendered by pupils from our school, drilled by the untiring and ambitious teachers, Miss Nichols and Miss Weaver, assisted by Miss Ellen Walker, while the watchful eye and guiding hand of our dignified, courteous Prof. Nichols was over all. We would like to comment on and extol each one, but it will be sufficient to say that there was not a single failure, all did well, entering into their parts, and carrying them out with a vim and enthusiasm that spoke well for themselves and well for their teachers. The crowning event of the evening was an oration by David Milton Proctor. The evening before he had won the Inter Collegiate prize for oratory at Boonville. He was here visiting relatives and was prevailed upon to repeat his oration for the benefit of his own town people, friends and schoolmates. To say the least it was very highly appreciated and the many laudatory remarks were enough to spoil a less level headed young man. We sincerely hope and believe that in the May contest for the Inter State prize at St. Paul, he may again be victorious. About twenty dollars was realized from the entertainment, which will be applied to the Piano Fund. Both school and patrons feel very grateful to Miss Johnson for the free use of her beautiful studio.

Megown.

Judge John Megown, of New London, born 1834, died March 7, 1902. Judge Megown spent nearly his entire life in Ralls County and was one of its best known citizens. He was a lawyer by profession and dabbled in politics on the side. He will be missed in New London by a large circle of friends. He was a brother of Dr. R. K. Megown, of this city.

Stone School House.

The exhibition given Friday at the Stone school house, by the scholars of the district, proved to be very interesting to those present. It also showed that Prof. O. W. Cogate is a first class educator and drill master. The scholars looked longingly for some one to pick up their gauntlet and enter the arena for a spelling tht, but no Knight put in an appearance, hence their disappointment.